

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JESUS TORRES,

Plaintiff,

v.

ARLENE M FLICK,

Defendants.

No. 05-01295 EDL

**ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION TO  
APPEAR TELEPHONICALLY**

On July 25, 2005, Defendant's counsel filed a request to appear telephonically at the initial case management conference set for July 26, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. Good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Request is GRANTED subject to the following caution. The court disfavors telephonic appearances because the technology prevents the court from addressing a question to the parties or making a comment or ruling whenever any participant speaks at length. Accordingly, the parties shall only speak in response to a direct question from the court and shall pause at regular intervals to allow the court to comment on the information presented. If the court wishes a rebuttal from the opposing party, the court shall inform the party from whom information is requested. No party shall attempt to present information without a request from the court. If the parties cannot follow the rules set forth in this order, or at the first sign of improper decorum, the telephonic appearance will be terminated and a new hearing date will be set for personal appearances.

Counsel shall stand by beginning at the date and time above until called by the Court.

Dated: July 25, 2005

*Elizabeth D. Laporte*  
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ELIZABETH D. LAPORTE  
United States Magistrate Judge